

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2553

Introduced by Assembly Member Brownley

February 19, 2010

An act to add Article 19.6 (commencing with Section 8433) to Chapter 2 of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, relating to child development services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2553, as introduced, Brownley. Child development services: school readiness.

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to develop prekindergarten learning development guidelines, focusing on preparing 4- and 5-year-old children for kindergarten. The guidelines are required to identify appropriate developmental milestones for each age, how to assess where children are in relation to the milestones, and suggested methods for achieving the milestones.

This bill would require the department to collect data that will assess the school readiness of children entering kindergarten and that reflect all of the major domains of child development, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Article 19.6 (commencing with Section 8433) is
- 2 added to Chapter 2 of Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the
- 3 Education Code, to read:

Article 19.6. School Readiness Data

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3 8433. The department shall collect data that will accurately
4 and appropriately assess the school readiness of children entering
5 kindergarten and that reflect all of the major domains of child
6 development, including, but not limited to, social and emotional
7 development, physical well-being and motor development,
8 language and comprehension development, and cognition and
9 general knowledge.